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TO:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is being filed as a full response to the Office Action of August 13, 2002. The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 for one (1) month from September 13, 2002 to October 13, 2002. Submitted herewith is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to our deposit account number 07-2400.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the appended remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 22 without prejudice as drawn to the non-elected invention II.

Applicant elects invention I (claims 1-21) without traverse for prosecution in this divisional application.